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Timely Tidbits ...

It's Our Anniversary!

This issue of "the little paper" marks the beginning of our tenth year of service to the Romulus community. As always, we hope that our loyal readers will remember to patronize the advertisers who make it possible for us to continue our publishing efforts, providing local residents with a free source of hometown news and furnishing them with such services as:

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Vote August 6

Just a reminder that the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, to allow voters to decide the fate of Wayne County's Proposition "P" as well as various elected offices and primary races. Questions? Contact the City Clerk's office: 942-7540.

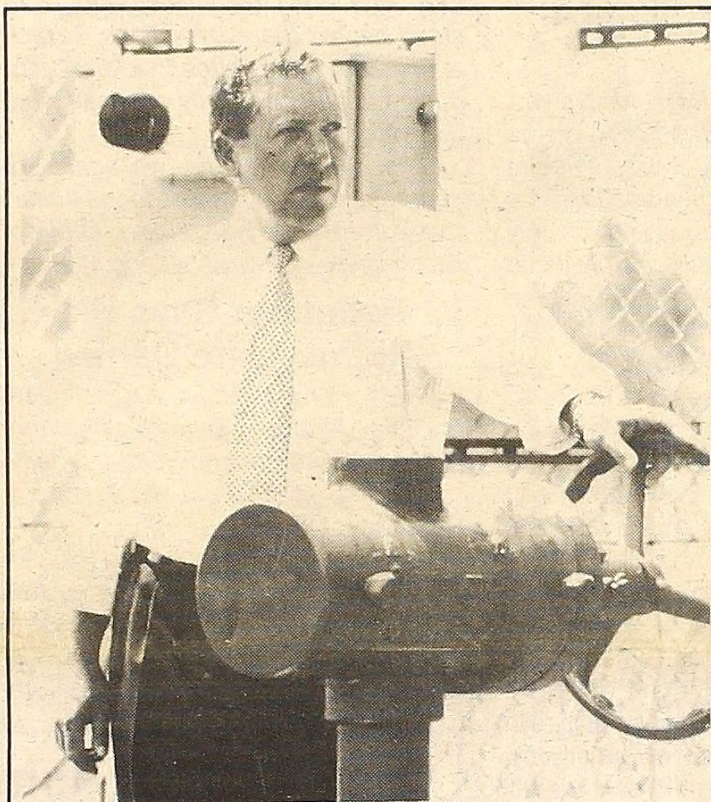
Raeck Sentenced to 3 Years Probation

William F. Raeck, Jr. – a former Romulus High School teacher and local businessman arrested last September and charged with two counts each of child abuse in the first degree and child sexually abusive activity – was sentenced last month to three years' probation after pleading guilty to charges of third-degree child abuse. The sentence also requires Raeck to undergo psychotherapy, and bans him from teaching children at the high-school level or below.

Following Raeck's initial arrest, the Romulus school district suspended him without pay pending further investigation; later, the Board of Education approved a resignation agreement between Raeck and the District.

None of the abusive incidents occurred on school property. □

State Appellate Court Overturns Morcom; EDS To Pursue New Permit



EDS president Doug Wicklund was pleased to get the go-ahead to file a PA 451 permit to construct and operate a waste treatment/storage facility at the site of his already constructed injection well off Wahrman.

The Michigan Court of Appeals has reversed a Wayne County Circuit Court decision, ruling that Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), can go ahead with the filing of a State PA 451 permit application to construct and operate a hazardous-waste treatment and storage facility at the site of the firm's already constructed deep injection well off Wahrman Road in Romulus.

EDS had previously sought approval from Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Claudia Morcom to apply for the permit in accordance with a recently enacted State law requiring such permits for commercial hazardous-waste injection wells. In May, Morcom ruled in favor of the City of Romulus, which has sought to halt operation of the well, claiming it is in an improper zoning district. The City requested the ban even though EDS and its attorneys have maintained that State law preempts local zoning ordinances regarding the construction and operation of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

"This is a great victory for us; this is very significant," said EDS president Douglas Wicklund about the new ruling. "We fully expect that this is a signal of things to come."

Neither Romulus City Councilman Randy Gear – who, as Council chairman, has continued to lead the City's opposition against EDS – nor Councilwoman Debbie Romak, who is also a leading spokesperson for RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People), returned calls soliciting their comments about the reversal.

It is unclear, at this time, whether or not the City will attempt to take any measures to oppose EDS in seeking the new permit. □

Rivers Is Among Congress' Most Frugal

The National Taxpayer's Union (NTU) has just released a comprehensive list of Congress' "Most Frugal Office Spenders," and our own Congresswoman Lynn Rivers ranks among the thriftiest. According to the NTU's report, Rivers is the eighth-most-frugal Representative out of 435 members of the House in her total office spending, and the most frugal overall of the 16 representatives from Michigan, having spent only 71% of her allotted congressional office budget and returning some \$244,969 to the taxpayers in 1995 alone.

"I'm cheap with the public buck," Rivers has joked, but the NTU report shows that she's been serious about not wasting taxpayer dollars. In the report, which summarizes how much money each member of Congress has spent on staff salaries and benefits, office operations, and mass mailings to constituents, the Congresswoman has been ranked among the best at streamlining expenses.

The report reveals that she has done this, in part, by keeping her postage spending, otherwise known as "franked mail," to a minimum. Rivers has controlled costs by refusing to send out unsolicited mass-mailings to constituents. "I consider this practice to be a form of campaigning at the taxpayers' expense, and I won't do it," says Rivers.

Instead, she reports, she has sent targeted mail to constituents who have expressed interest in specific issues, and has opted to hold "town halls," coffee hours, and forums to remain in touch with her constituency. She has also instructed her staff to treat the congressional office allowance as if it were their own money.

"Congress has to make it clear to the people we serve that when we spend taxpayers' money, we do it as responsibly and carefully as possible," Rivers explains.

The NTU is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to promot-



Congresswoman Lynn Rivers is cheap . . . and proud of it.

ing government accountability, lower taxes, and less wasteful spending. □

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if a sound reason for anonymity can be demonstrated or explained to our satisfaction.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Resident Concerned with Speed on Side Street

Editor's note: Kimberly Lawrence, who sent the following letter to Mayor William Oakley, asked that it be reprinted in "the little paper" to make other residents aware of the problems posed by speeding drivers, and hopefully enlist everyone's help in encouraging the City and its residents to work even more diligently toward a solution.

Dear Mayor Oakley:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of three small children. Last summer, I had written a letter to then-Mayor Beverly McAnally regarding the speeding on Lisa Street. I received a response from the Police Department stating that they would increase patrolling on my street. I have to say that the Police Department acted quickly, but the patrolling only lasted for approximately three weeks.

Mayor Oakley, cars continually travel at a dangerously high rate of speed where many children play. In a residential area, the speed limit is 25 miles per hour, but these cars start at one end of the street and race to the other end, far exceeding this speed limit. I have seen drivers speeding down the street and, when they see a child, they honk their horn but don't slow down. My children are not allowed to cross the street and play with their friends unless either I or my husband stand and watch them cross the road. My neighbors across the street also have been forced to follow this procedure.

Recently, my neighbors' friend lost her son while he was riding his bike on California Street. The driver was doing only 25 miles per hour, but my neighbor is so scared for her children now because some of these drivers do not care. Why doesn't someone sit in an unmarked car with a radar gun to see that these cars are flying down the street?

I have lived in Romulus all my life and chose to raise my children here because I felt it was safe, but living on Lisa Street is an accident waiting to

happen. My neighbor and I both agree that something has to be done soon before something terrible does happen.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Lawrence

Reader Says Anonymous Letter is "Cowardly"

To the Editor:

I usually find *The Romulus News* a refreshing change from most media outlets. It gives a truly local viewpoint and is generally objective and fair. The printing of the anonymous letter in July thirds' edition was a deviation from those usual good standards. There seemed no reason to provide cover for the remarks made in that missive.

As for the letter itself and its cry for leadership, I would say this. Mary Collins and others listed as leaders by the phantom writer were the same group that I identified in an earlier letter as people who had declared that, faced with the will of the people and their own conscience, they would ignore the people that had elected them and do what they thought was "right." That ain't leadership! That is arrogance. It is also dangerous to our system of democracy, which is designed to implement the will of the people – not that of one zealot with the "right" idea. So, despite the shadow author's characterization of the Council, perhaps leadership is not what Councilpersons Mary Collins, Bill Crova, and Jimmie Raspberry represent.

In general, I would agree with the unknown author that leadership is lacking in the City of Romulus. But that has been the case as long as I have lived here – 25 years. It will probably remain that way. There is no plan to make this city into someplace vibrant or vital, and the people seem as apathetic to their situation as other typical Americans who take their freedom for granted.

Lastly, about the secret scribe. You are a coward, and disgrace what it means to be a citizen. Your hide-in-the-shadows, sniper-like tactic of expressing your opinion in anonymity is worthy of ridicule and contempt. That's what I think.

Dan Sanchez

Editor's note: In our opinion, there are rare times when anonymity is merited by unusual circumstances; unfortunately, if we explained why a particular person's name was withheld, it would often allow readers to identify the author – which would, of course, defeat the purpose.

Still, we agree with Mr. Sanchez that those who issue public criticism

should – except in very exceptional circumstances – be willing to "own up" to their beliefs. Anonymous letters – and the opinions they express – are rarely taken seriously because readers do, indeed, perceive the writers as cowards who don't have the courage to stand behind their convictions. In fact, anonymous letters often "backfire," producing an effect exactly opposite what the writer intended.

For these reasons, we again encourage writers of "letters to the editor" to use their name with pride; otherwise, it's probably not worth writing at all.

Petitioner Says His Rights Were Denied

Editor's note: Again, a case where the letter-writer has asked that his letter to Mayor Oakley be reprinted in order to draw public attention to an issue.

Dear Mayor Oakley,

I am writing you regarding the situation, with which you are somewhat familiar, wherein I was denied access to the agenda as a petitioner for the City Council meeting of July 22, 1996, for

reasons which are unknown to me at this time.

To recapitulate:

On Monday, July 15, I filled out an agenda request "to petition the Council to direct the Dykema-Gossett law firm to attempt to *reopen* negotiations with EDS [Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.] over the deep injection well."

On Thursday, July 18, I went to the City Clerk's office to pick up a copy of the agenda for the July 22 Council meeting. When I discovered I was not on the agenda, as a petitioner, I asked the City Clerk, Why not? She said she would find out for me and went back into the portion of the office where her assistant, Terry Hermenau, sits. After a few minutes with no response, I walked around the filing cabinets to that area where Mrs. Choate and Mr. Hermenau were gathered around the "fax" machine. I repeated my question as to why I was not on the agenda, and was told they were waiting for a fax from the "attorney." I asked if the attorney was Barry Seifman, and Mr. Hermenau said yes, it

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was. At that point, I left the office and came up to your office to relate to you what had happened. I listened as you chastened Mrs. Choate for unauthorized contacts with attorneys on the part of her staff.

The following day, on July 19, I went to the Clerk's office and asked Mrs. Choate for a copy of the "fax" from attorney Seifman — the one they had been waiting for the previous day. I was told she could not provide me with a copy because Seifman's communication was labeled "Confidential; regarding ongoing litigation," "Attorney-client privileged," and "Not subject to Freedom of Information requests."

Not only have I been denied my right, guaranteed by the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution, to petition the government for a redress of grievances; but, further, I am not to be allowed to know the supposed rationale for this violation of my rights.

This situation is intolerable. The denial of my agenda request is a clear violation of USC Title 18 Section 242. Further, attorney Seifman's opinion, advice, "suggestion," or whatever it is, and its inaccessibility by me, is clearly an act of intimidation designed to deter me from further efforts to exercise my right to petition the government for a redress of grievances, and is a violation of Section 241 of the same USC title 18.

I hereby request that the City take the following actions:

1. Make a determination as to whether or not Mr. Seifman exceeded his authority by issuing a communication on this subject without clearance through the office of the Corporation Counsel.

2. Review the content of Mr. Seifman's communication to determine if it is spurious.

3. If the answer to either one or two above is yes, terminate the City's relationship with Mr. Seifman.

4. Review Mr. Hermenau's actions in this matter and, if deemed appropriate, administer disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

5. Conduct a police investigation to determine if any other persons — including private citizens, City employees, or elected officials — took part in planning this method of violating my constitutional rights.

I believe the above actions would be in the City's best interests to determine if there is an ongoing pattern of violating the rights of Romulus citizens.

Whether the City takes any of the requested actions, or not, I reserve the right to file a criminal complaint for these egregious violations of Federal law. However, I will take into consideration the City's actions toward correcting the situation.

Please advise me of your intended response.

Sincerely,
Jim Rarey

Studies Show Deepwells Are Safe, Says EDS

Dear Editor,

Much has been made of whether deep injection wells are safe. Locally, deep injection wells have been in use in Romulus and Taylor for over 20 years at Sun Oil Company's well project (south of Ecorse Road along Inkster Road), which handles and stores hazardous and flammable materials that are stored in the earth. There are many other deep injection wells that are being used successfully in Michigan, such as the commercial deepwell in Houghton Lake. Other private deepwells have been used successfully in Detroit and Dearborn. Even a facility called "Aunt Nelly's Kitchens" operates a deepwell in Michigan.

People do recognize that there have been some problems with deepwells in the past, but not since the USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) has required improved well design features. Deepwells have been in use for over 50 years. Two significant studies of deepwell technology, performed in the late 1980s by both state government and industry, concluded that deepwells should continue to be used because they provide a safe means for disposal of diluted wastes. About 500 Class I injection wells are in use today; about 200 of those are used for hazardous waste. Of the 500 Class I wells, extensive file review by the Underground Council, Inc., indicates that only five wells experienced leakage of waste to drinking water. These incidents were the result of leaks in the casings and were detected by monitoring devices.

The project team who performed this study also had an opportunity to assess all state and Federal Class I well regulatory programs. They note that the Federal Underground Injection Control (UIC) program has brought all state programs up to uniform and consistent permitting, compliance, inspection, and enforcement standards. These steps act to safeguard the environment and the operation of injection wells.

Results of this study suggest that there has been great improvement in the operation of Class I wells since the implementation of Federal regulations passed in the early 1980s. It also shows that routine inspections by qualified personnel and follow-up routine maintenance can give us a viable waste disposal method about which much is known. We have the scientific and regulatory tools available to us; we simply need to use them to the fullest. No evidence of any leakage from wells constructed to today's standards exists.

The USEPA was recently in Romulus for a public meeting, and stated that all of the complaints about the deepwells in Vickery, Ohio, were unfounded. Specifically, they said, "There is no problem with the Vickery, Ohio, wells," and stated that these wells represent safe technology.

The State of Texas recently permitted an additional well in Winona, Texas, where local residents have complained heavily about other facilities for recycling wastes at the same site where highly concentrated chemicals are handled, not diluted wastewater as is proposed for the Romulus project. The local residents in Winona, Texas, have

experienced air-pollution problems due to the paint and solvent recovery facilities, but the deepwell has not been shown to have leaked into the soil or groundwater.

A USEPA report written to compare various disposal methods has found deepwells to be safer than incineration, landfills, and treatment plants.

Results of these studies are available at our offices. We would be pleased to discuss these reports with any interested residents at their convenience.

Sincerely,
Austin Marshall, Vice President
EDS

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Creating Jobs...

Because of my many years as an economic development professional, I have become a legislative leader helping to craft policies that create and retain jobs for Michigan residents. I have sponsored several changes to law that have improved the ability of local governments to fund the infrastructure required by industry. I support increased funding for training programs that improve the ability of Michigan workers to keep or obtain good-paying jobs.

Providing Leadership...

In both the community and the Legislature, I have developed key leadership roles through hard work and collaboration. I work cooperatively with decision makers at all levels of government to achieve solutions and innovations that benefit you. In the Legislature, I have become a leading policymaker in several areas, including economic development, insurance and transportation issues.

Protecting the Environment...

After careful review, I came to the conclusion several years ago that a commercial hazardous disposal well is simply not needed and is too risky to be placed anywhere in the State of Michigan. That is why I sponsored legislation to ban such wells in our state. I also wrote the new state law that requires tougher permitting requirements for commercial hazardous disposal wells and an opportunity for the community to express their concerns about such a facility before a decision is made by the state to approve or deny the permit application.

Greg Pitoniak....

Getting the Job Done for Us

As our state representative, Greg Pitoniak has been getting the job done for us. As a lifelong area resident, Greg Pitoniak knows what is important to us. That's why he has voted 20 times to cut taxes in the last five years. These tax cuts have benefitted working families and businesses.

He has helped reform Michigan's welfare system, emphasizing the importance of training recipients to get good jobs and leave welfare dependency behind. He supports education reform, which includes a statewide academic standard that will teach all our children the basics — math, science, computers and language skills — to get good-paying jobs.

And when they wanted to put a commercial hazardous disposal well in our neighborhood, Greg Pitoniak fought to keep these dangerous wells out of Michigan by tightening the permitting process and making sure the citizens got the chance to be heard before permits were approved or denied.

Greg Pitoniak has developed key leadership roles with the decision makers at all levels of government. He works hard to reach consensus on tough issues in the Legislature and helps opposing sides come to an agreement through compromise.

As our state representative, Greg Pitoniak has the experience to deliver results. He knows what is important to us because he has lived all his life in this area. His lifetime of commitment to our area and his level of experience work together to produce results for us.

Some of the groups supporting Greg Pitoniak for State Representative

Thirteenth District Democratic Organization

Sixteenth District Democratic Organization

Democratic Club of Taylor

Greater Detroit Building Trades Council

UAW-CAP

Michigan State AFL-CIO

Michigan Townships Association

Polish American Citizens for Equity

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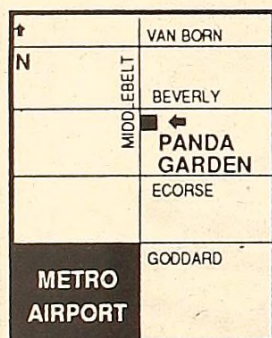
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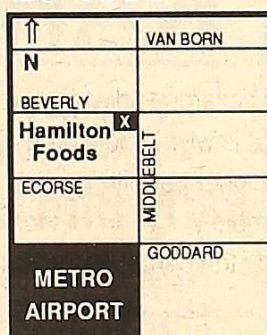


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Finally! Court Reform Is on the Way!

By Brian A. Oakley, attorney at law

Our state court system is in trouble. It is overburdened, unfairly funded, inefficient, and inaccessible. However, this is about to change.

On July 2 and 3, 1996, our state legislature voted to approve legislation which is the first step in the much discussed and much needed Michigan Court reform; later in the month, it was signed into law by Governor John Engler.

The main focus of this legislation is financial. This is not surprising when one considers that the impetus for court reform in Michigan was a lawsuit over how our courts are funded: *Grand Traverse County vs. State of Michigan, et al.* The main change to our court system from a funding standpoint is the fact that each county will now receive funds from the State pursuant to the number of judges and court activity in each county. Of more interest to most people are the nonfinancial changes. I will touch on the major changes in this article.

Family Court

A much needed improvement is the implementation of a family court which will be a division of the circuit court. The family court will dispose of cases that are currently handled in either the circuit court or the probate court. The practical implications of family court are that one judge can handle all of the legal problems associated with a situation. Currently, different courts and different judges must handle certain issues. For example, divorces and custody matters are handled at circuit court, but juvenile criminal problems and guardianships are handled at probate court. With family court, one judge should be able to handle all of the legal situations facing a family.

Repeal of the Remand Statute

Currently, certain circuit court cases are "remanded" or frequently sent back to district court for resolution of the case. This is done if the case is mediated for less than \$10,000. These remands are a large portion of the civil work-load of most district courts. This repeal will eliminate this problem for the

district courts by forcing the circuit court to resolve all cases properly filed in that court to start with.

Anti-nepotism

A current topic which has seen a fair amount of coverage is the hiring practices of some judges. This new legislation will prevent a judge from hiring immediate family members as court employees. No comment required here; this is just good common sense.

Personal Protection Orders (PPOs)

Currently, personal protection orders are available through circuit court actions only. After January 1, 1998, persons requiring a PPO may request same at their local district court.

Standards for Indigent Defense

Michigan trial courts will now need to establish minimum standards which must be met by all court-appointed attorneys. This is a wonderful idea and long overdue. All too often, people who have been provided an attorney by the court are suspicious of that attorney's abilities and motivation. A set of standards, if reasonable, may help alleviate this problem.

Nontraditional Court Hours

The new law will specifically authorize a district court to hold evening or Saturday sessions. This is a very important issue to me. I believe that one of the best ways to improve our courts is to make them more accessible to working people. By implementing nontraditional court hours (i.e., night court), courts will be much more user-friendly and justice may be just a little more convenient for the average person. It is commonly accepted that everyone is entitled to their "day in court"; perhaps now we can also have our choice of a "night in court" as well.

Judicial Performance Committee

With this new legislation, the Michigan Supreme Court is directed to develop standards for evaluating the performance of Michigan trial judges. These evaluations (report cards for judges) are to be made available to the public by June 1, 1999.

Trial Court Assessment Commission

A 23-member commission will be created by the Supreme Court. The membership shall be made up of judges, legislators, attorneys, and citizens. The commission shall report to the State Legislature by October 1 of each odd-numbered year. The commission is to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding ongoing court reform with the ultimate goal of court unification. Court unification can be broadly defined as a process by which the various courts in the State, at all levels, can be merged into one system to provide for greater

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flexibility and more efficient use of judicial resources.

In conclusion, I would like to restate what I said in my opening paragraph: This legislation is only the beginning. The changes mentioned in this article are, in my opinion, positive ones. These changes will not take place without problems; few changes do. However, I am eagerly looking forward to these changes and the ones to follow.

In the past, and to some extent still today, our courts were looked upon as an antique, outdated system shrouded in mystery and secrecy. Much of our system is grounded in hard-and-fast rules that make no sense to the average person—rules about which court handles which case, etc.

My definition of court reform is the process of bringing the courts into the twenty-first century, where courts are accountable for the resources used and the services rendered. It is up to all of us—attorneys, judges, legislators and citizens—to make sure the process does not end here, with this legislation, but continues towards true court reform unification and the flexibility to "custom fit" the court system to the needs of its customers: you!

Should Romulus Secede from Wayne County?

By Dan Sanchez

There is an intriguing idea being bandied about in Northville Township and the surrounding communities. It is the notion that perhaps the way to best improve quality of life for the people is to secede from Wayne County. There are no less than three proposed new counties, and Romulus is a candidate for inclusion in two of them.

It is in its infancy, but waiting for this movement to grow is to not get in on the ground floor of a real revolution against government-as-usual. Getting in early will also give a clear view on the aims of the people involved in this drive before public relations blur reality. So I did some investigating.

One of the people organizing this effort is a man named Jeff Schroder. Jeff is running for a seat on the Wayne County Commission. This seemed a contradiction, so I asked him what would happen if he was elected. Would he continue to support a break-away from the County? Without hesitation, he replied that, yes, he would still support the cause. I didn't fancy his chances with that position, but he sounded committed to the project.

Further discussion uncovered other apparent inconsistencies. Mr. Schroder complained of excessive (Wayne) County taxes and the lack of an open bidding process for contracts to provide services at Metro Airport, and generally expressed his dissatisfaction with

County government. It was here that Jeff mentioned that, even if the bid to form a new county failed, there would be pressure on Wayne County to make itself more efficient. His statement struck me as odd. Here, without so much as a petition having been drawn up, the organizer was talking about failure being productive. That kind of thing is usually done to put the best face on a lost cause. This same theme of pressuring the County was raised when I spoke to Mayor William Oakley about whether there had been any contact by this group with officials in Romulus (there had been none).

So, what are the true motivations behind this movement? Is it a political ploy to help elect Jeff Schroder? Is it a political maneuver by conservatives to force government to provide fewer services? Or, is it a valid attempt to give people a fresh start with which they can build an effective governmental system? My first impression is that it is a combination of all three, with the conservative effort the dominant force. It is early—it would be on the ballot no sooner than 1998—so there is ample opportunity for me to be proven wrong. I hope that happens.

Romulus is in need of revitalization. Becoming a part of a new county would be a unique opportunity to start that process. However, it would be a complicated and contested process that would require much work and many resources. That became obvious in my talk with the Mayor. He pointed out the State Legislature's opposition and raised the question of who would get to vote on the issue. And then there is the Airport and its ownership.

I think we all should be ready to listen to this new idea. It presents Romulus with some interesting possibilities, but we need more facts to make an informed and prudent decision about our future.

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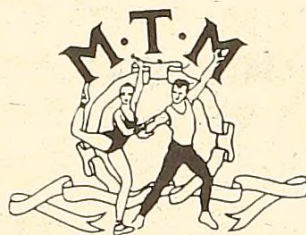
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Among the primary races to be decided in the election scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, will be the one between incumbent State Representative Greg Pitoniak and his challenger, fellow Taylor resident Donald Zub.

Pitoniak — who has the firm support of several Democratic Party organizations behind him — lists some of his priorities as improving education, creating jobs, reforming welfare, and protecting the environment.

Pitoniak on welfare reform: "I support Michigan's plan to reform welfare. The plan emphasizes work, mutual responsibility, and child protection. . . . I believe that Michigan should retain its commitment to helping disadvantaged residents while stressing family responsibility, work, and ending the cycle of welfare dependency."

Regarding his environmental concerns, Pitoniak says, "After careful review, I came to the conclusion several years ago that a commercial hazardous disposal well is simply not needed, and is too risky to be placed anywhere in the State of Michigan. That's why I sponsored legislation in 1993 to ban such wells in our state. I have also sponsored legislation, which is now law, that requires tougher permitting requirements for commercial hazardous disposal wells and an opportunity for the citizens of the community to express their concerns about such a facility before a decision is made by the State to approve or deny the permit application."

Among the goals of Zub — whose qualifications include service as both a councilman and mayor of the City of

Taylor — are court reform; the construction of more jails and prisons; lowering the cost of auto, home, hospitalization, malpractice, and Worker's Compensation insurance; a freeze on taxes other than those approved by voters; and the reestablishment of leadership at the State House level.

Says Zub on why he entered the race: "I want to make a difference and become a decisive decision-maker with my conservative philosophy. The needs of the citizens will always remain first."

On the subject of taxes, Zub states, "There are many complex issues facing us today. The most important is the erosion of our earned income and, worst of all, the high cost of living for those on a fixed income. We are paying 40% of our money in taxes. We should be cutting down the cost of running our state government. Most elected officials are reluctant to accept this challenge."

And on crime: "The high rate of crime is getting out of hand because of the limited jail space. I intend to be even tougher on this issue by building more jails and encouraging the State to privatize the jail system wherever possible in order to cut down the high cost of keeping the criminals behind bars."

Those interested in learning more about the Pitoniak campaign can write to him c/o the Friends to Elect Gregory E. Pitoniak, P.O. Box 1059, Taylor, MI 48180, or contact him at his Lansing office: (517) 373-0852.

To find out more about the Zub campaign, write to him c/o the Committee to Elect Zub — State Representative, 9734 Dudley, Taylor, MI 48180. □

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MOSES President Clarifies Statements

To the Editor:

My name is Phyllis Glazer and I am president and founder of Mothers Organized to Stop Environmental Sins (MOSES) in Winona, Texas. I am responding to a "letter to the editor" in the July 3, 1996 edition of *The Romulus News*. It was a letter from Susan Cislo, whom I had the pleasure of meeting along with other lovely people from the Taylor, Michigan area when they visited Winona, Texas in mid-February of this year. I wish to clarify some of our issues that may have caused some confusion.

Disposal or dispersal, as is the case, of hazardous waste by deepwell injection is the only method of hazardous waste disposal that does not first require treatment of the waste. This method is widely used for disposal of waste ranging from saltwater recovered in oil and gas production activities to the most toxic substances known to man. "Class I" wells are those wells used for deepwell injection of hazardous wastes beneath a formation containing a source of drinking water. Hazardous wastes are injected into a Class I well under pressure, causing the waste to follow the path of least resistance away from point of entry into the injection zone. The injection of hazardous waste into underground formations via open-ended well shafts does nothing to reduce either the quantity or toxicity of hazardous waste. MOSES believes it should be outlawed!

Toxic emissions may escape into the air when loading and unloading railcars and trucks into these facilities. In addition, there are four types of failures which ultimately result in toxic emissions and are considered to be possible health threats: (1) fractures in the containment interval, which is the geological layer and upper containing barrier for the wastes injected below it; (2) failure of the concrete seal; (3) unplugged wells, which penetrate the containment interval into the injection zone and thus can act as channels for upward movement of the injected waste; and (4) failure of the protective casing and injection tubing.

Exposure to certain chemicals may scramble the genetic code in the cells of living creatures, causing an information imbalance in the cells. It's like a madman in a library! The damage that is done does not just hit those directly affected because, even if they seem normal, they can give birth to children with mutations.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Colorado, a commercial injection well facility, caused earthquakes in Denver and had to be shut down. It is now a

Superfund site. Injection wells near Vickery, Ohio, leaked and contaminated farm land for miles, and the company paid \$30,000,000 in an out-of-court settlement. These were all "state-of-the-art" facilities and abysmal failures that ruined people's lands and lives.

When communities and their children are at issue, should we not err on the side of their safety? Preventive medicine needs no cures. And, in any case, children should never have to pay for corporate profit with their health and their lives.

Now, to get back to Susan Cislo's letter. Neither she nor Mr. Lilly are incorrect regarding the other operations at AEESC that may be causing many of the problems that residents of Winona and area communities have experienced. However, the loading and unloading operations that were referred to as causing the problems are related to operations of the deepwell facility as well as the solvent recovery facility.

There is simply not any one operation alone that can be said to be the sole cause of all of the problems at AEESC. However, deep wells do have blowouts (underground explosions), and require well work-overs whenever there is a chemical reaction underground that clogs the well bores, preventing the high-pressure injection from continuing. These do cause terrible odor nuisance, which has, at times, carried for perhaps a four-mile radius and stayed in homes for over a week.

I am very sorry to see the division of good people, neighbors, and friends over yet another facility. It is a very definite *modus operandi* that these types of facilities use in community after community. Divide and conquer. Stephen King wrote about *Needful Things* in a novel which, in turn, became a movie. The devil moved into a town and set up shop. Those who entered the shop were drawn in by the devil and turned against their neighbors and friends. They were all decent people who didn't know what was happening until it was too late.

"When God created the first human beings, God led them around the Garden of Eden and said: Look at My works! See how beautiful they are – how excellent! I created them all for your sake. See to it that you do not spoil and destroy My world – for if you do, there will be no one else to repair it." – Midrash Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:28.

MOSES is a grass-roots nonprofit organization using education, litigation, and service to preserve and protect rural, low-income, and minority communities from exposure to toxic substances and contamination by hazardous wastes.

Respectfully,
Phyllis Glazer, president
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MEETING NOTICE

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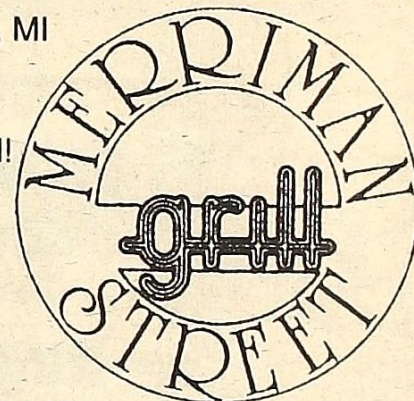
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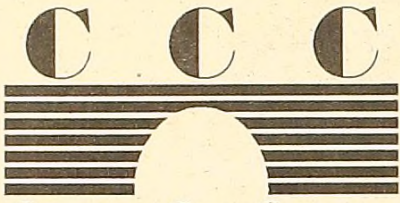
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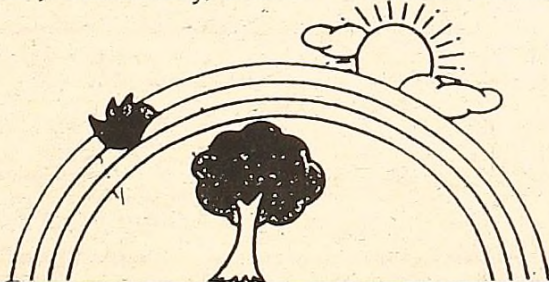


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MEDICO volunteers have sent over 50 field teams to Central America over

the past six years, as well as 10 special surgical teams that work in a teaching hospital in Tegucigalpa, the capital city of Honduras. The foundation is not affiliated with any religious or political organization. The program has served over 40,000 Hondurans to date.

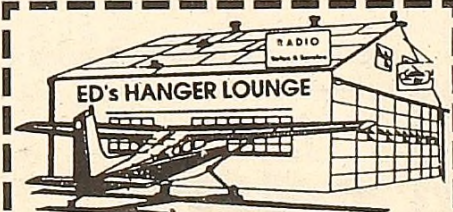
MEDICO attracts individuals who are interested in contributing their time and talents to persons living in Third World countries. Five field teams are scheduled to visit the Country in 1996 along with two surgery teams. Information concerning the program can be obtained by writing to MEDICO at the NationsBank Building, 624 S. Austin Avenue, Suite 102, Georgetown, TX 78626, or by calling (512) 863-8666. □

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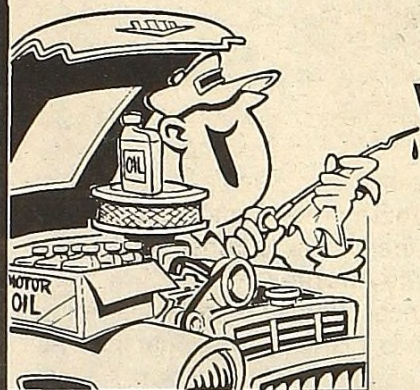
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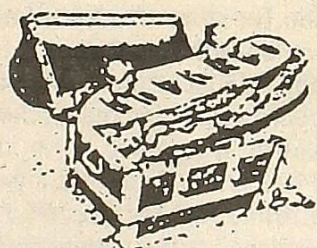
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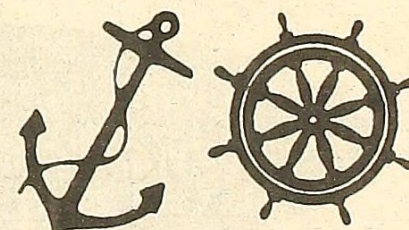
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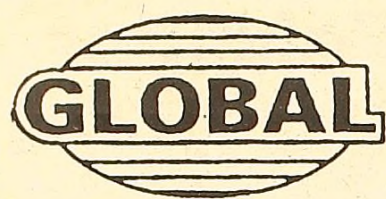
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of August: Hester Baker, Dorothy Chase, Mary Dickason, Marian Ferch, Helen Greca, Violet Harwood, Aria Ibach, Margaret Mawby, Mary Mills, Audry Moomaw (Manager), Eula Payne, Elsie Robinson, Betty Swaney, and James Thompson.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Oktoberfest Party**—Celebrate Oktoberfest a month early when you travel to the Waterloo/Kitchner area to enjoy Bavarian-style fun! The \$149 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this two-day/one-night outing, which departs September 4, covers round-trip motorcoach transportation; one night's lodging; one Bavarian-style dinner with entertainment (including music, dancing, singing, and yodeling); one lunch; admission to "The Meeting Place"; a guided tour of the countryside; shopping in the quaint village of St. Jacobs and at the Farmer's Market; baggage handling; and taxes and tips on food, lodging, and admissions.
- **Kewadin Casinos**—For those who love to try their luck! The \$100 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this two-day/one-night outing, which departs October 18, covers round-trip motorcoach transportation; one night's deluxe accommodation at the Ojibway Hotel, overlooking Sault Ste. Marie's Soo Locks; and \$40 cash back from the casino.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Southland Mall on Friday, August 16, or to shop at the Belleville Meijer store on Wednesday, August 28. Space is limited; payment of transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Lunch Out

On Friday, August 23, local seniors can enjoy lunch out when the Center's van travels to the Macaroni Grill. Cost is \$1.50 for transportation (price of lunch not included). Sign up at the Center.

"Surprise" Potluck

"Surprise" is the theme of this month's potluck meal, to be held at the Romulus Senior Center on Friday, August 30, at 2 p.m. So bring a "secret" (or not-so-secret) pal and a "mystery" dish to join old and new friends for a fun-filled feast featuring a "surprise" main dish!

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley will continue his free, twice-monthly "Ask the Attorney" service at the Romulus Senior Center on Tuesday, August 13, and Monday, August 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Exercise Classes

The Romulus Senior Center's twice-weekly exercise program—held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m.—features light routines designed to increase flexibility and improve strength and tone. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before joining the class.

Blood-pressure Checks

Romulus senior citizens can have their blood pressure checked, free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, August 12, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. No appointment needed.

Chop Chop!

The Romulus Senior Center has arranged to have a licensed cosmetologist come to the Center once a month to provide haircutting services for seniors. Because of limited facilities, clients are asked to wash their own hair before coming in. Cost is just \$5.

This month's date will be Monday, August 12. Seniors will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 4 p.m.

Personal Transportation Service

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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this year, a Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) permit is being considered for a landfill right next to Belleville Lake. If approved, it would allow the site to house over a million cubic yards of PCB waste.

The *only substance* ever specifically banned by Congress, PCBs are extremely toxic and long-lived substances that emit dioxin, one of the world's deadliest chemicals. Worse still, the PCB site proposed for our district will be located only 800 yards from Belleville Lake, which, as many of you know, feeds into the Great Lakes. And, the site will be made available to store PCBs from Canada and Mexico as well as the United States – an activity that was once illegal.

How did this come about?

Unfortunately, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan make policy decisions irrespective of the feelings and needs of the local communities. The need to dispose of toxic waste – and the interests of the private companies who handle such disposal – often take precedence. Since our community already has a site where poisons are being stored – and that site has some extra room – waste disposal companies have asked to expand the area for storing new and different hazardous wastes. The increased health and environmental risks have not received much consideration.

Moreover, waste hauling and storage companies have complained that they need to increase their customer base. Ironically, as the United States becomes more efficient in slowing the production of toxic waste, disposal companies are seeing their business falter, and so they are seeking to take in waste from other countries. They have campaigned hard to have the U.S. import toxic waste.

Although local communities can regulate the size and shape of new housing construction, they have virtually no say in decisions over whether toxic dump sites can be placed in their own neighborhoods. True, there are public hearings – but these usually receive little publicity, and communities are often unprepared to evaluate the highly technical evidence presented by government agencies and the waste industry. Not once in this district, as far as I know, has a hearing resulted in a permit being revoked or a project being halted.

So, to keep other countries' PCBs from being stored here – or anywhere in the United States – I joined Representative Bentsen of Texas in introducing an amendment to the EPA funding bill that would essentially prohibit the United States from importing PCBs. This amendment was passed unanimously by the House on June 26, 1996.

Attached to a larger bill, H.R. 3666, this legislation prevents the EPA from spending its funds on issuing, reissuing, or renewing any approval or authorization for storage or disposal of PCBs imported from other countries. This sounds complicated and bureaucratic, but, basically, it puts a halt to importing PCBs. Although it does not affect the disposal of domestic PCBs, it is significant in that it quashes attempts to open our landfills to poisons imported from other countries.

The battle is far from over, though. We all know that the agencies and companies involved in developing waste disposal sites are not eager to include communities in the decision-making process. When citizens of the 13th district got up to speak at a recent public hearing in Belleville on the proposed TSCA dump site, all but one of the officials retreated to the hallway, refusing to listen. And what community would volunteer to put its property values in jeopardy or its health at risk? Local citizens' groups have worked diligently to bring environmental issues to the public's attention. The amendment that Representative Bentsen and I sponsored will help their efforts, but it will not prevent companies from dumping toxins in people's backyards altogether. Citizens need to remain vigilant in their stand; the disposal companies' application for the TSCA dump site in Van Buren is still pending at the EPA.

Recently, after a request from me and Senator Carl Levin, the EPA extended the public comment period for the proposed Van Buren dump site so that more input could be gathered from the community. Unfortunately, such input has been slow in coming, and we do not know what impact, if any, it will have on the application at this stage. In light of this, I will be introducing legislation that would allow for more community involvement in the permit process in the future.

While toxic waste is a reality – and safe storage a necessity – people in the 13th district and across America are entitled to a voice in the decision-making process. And we must insist that sites be chosen as a result of sound public policy, not political expediency. Local landscapes should reflect the best of America, not its garbage, nor that of its neighbors. □

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Community Calendar

- **"African Form and Imagery" Continues** – An exhibition of approximately 70 outstanding works of African art acquired by Detroit-area collectors since 1977 will continue on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts through the end of the year. Cultures represented in the exhibition – which began June 22 – include the Luba, Kongo, Fang, and Yoruba. Museum hours are: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 833-7900.
- **Fall Softball League Now Forming** – The Romulus Recreation Department is forming a Sunday "Doubleheader" Fall League for play at Elmer Johnson Park beginning September 8 and continuing through the end of October. Sign-ups will begin at the Recreation office starting August 5; only the first 10 teams to register and pay the team fee of \$300 (covers softballs, umpires, scorekeepers, field maintenance, and a minimum of 10 games, with a two-game elimination tourney at the end of the season) will be accepted. Deadline for registration is August 30. If 10 teams have not signed up by August 30, the Recreation Department will take additional registration on September 3 and 4, with team fees set at \$325. For more information, call Keith at the Recreation Department office: 942-6852.
- **Vacation Bible School at CUMC** – Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive, Romulus) will host Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. during the week of August 5–9. Children will enjoy games, songs, Bible stories, and crafts as part of the week's "Kingdom of the Son: A Prayer Safari" theme. For more information, call 941-0736.
- **Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist** – Calvary Baptist Church (11338 Ozga Road, Romulus) will host Vacation Bible School for children entering kindergarten through grade 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. during the week of August 12–16. Featured will be Bible stories, games, songs, and activities. For more information, call the Church at 941-0236.
- **Chamber's Annual Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing at Willow-Metro Golf Course on Thursday, August 29. Shotgun start for the four-person-team scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m. Donations of \$350 per team or \$85 per person will include cart, refreshments on the course, a steak dinner at the Romulus Progressive Club following play, and cash and other prizes. No refunds will be made. To register, call the Chamber office: 326-4290.
- **Education Foundation To Host Golf Fund-raiser** – The Romulus Education Foundation is seeking golfers, volunteers, and donations for door prizes for its first official fund-raising effort – a golf outing scheduled for September 18 at Shady Hollow Golf Course (Wayne Road at Wick in Romulus). A \$75-per-ticket cost covers golf, snacks and beverages on the course, an after-tournament dinner at the Romulus High School atrium, and prizes. For more information, or to register, please call either Louise Briody (941-1600), Brian Oakley (941-1920), or Pete Bergeron (941-5245).
- **Writer Support Group** – Writers Anonymous, a writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, meets at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For more information, please call the Library at 942-7589.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 24, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, June 24, 1996 was called to order by Vice President Kenneth E. Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Hoffman absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the agenda be amended as follows: Add Item G. 1. "Surplus Vehicles".

6/96/22 Moved by Kesner supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

6/96/23 Moved by Langley supported by Patterson to approve the Minutes of June 11 and June 12, 1996, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RETIREMENT: Constance Thompson, Intervention Room, July 1, 1996.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Susan Maddux-Jones, Custodian, June 19, 1996.

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION FOR: Betty McCraight, Michael Birmingham, Harold Connon, Robert Hall, June Henry, William Murphy, Carrie Norwood, Helen Orr, Jeanette Sims, and Constance Thompson.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: presented by Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan School Food Service Association to June Henry.

6/96/24 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the retirement of Constance Thompson, Intervention Room. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/96/25 Moved by Langley supported by Patterson to approve the Leave of Absence for Susan Maddux-Jones, Custodian, June 19, 1996. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/96/26 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Retirement Resolutions for Betty McCraight, Michael Birmingham, Harold Connon, Robert Hall, June Henry, William Murphy, Carrie Norwood, Helen Orr, Jeanette Sims, and Constance Thompson. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

6/96/27 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Review of Athletic Program

Jesse Meriweather, Director of Athletics, shared a review of our athletic program and its future.

Cancel Local 64 Contract

6/96/28 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to remove from the table as recommended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/96/29 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley to terminate Local #64 contract as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica, Director, Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Report on Technology

Postponed.

IRI Letter

Letter to Frank Wydra, Industrial Relations, Inc., expressing our appreciation of his efforts and termination of services.

Decision on Choice

6/96/30 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to not accept School of Choice as presented by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Surplus Vehicles

6/96/31 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz to declare bus #15, 40, 42, and 46 surplus and offer them for sale. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience voiced their concerns as they related to the following subjects: 1) gifted & talented programs; 2) contract concerns; 3) academic concerns; 4) athletic department concerns; 5) special education program; 6) core curriculum for State; 7) math concerns at High School; 8) administrative costs at Adult Ed.; and 9) pride of our (custodians) work.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) accreditation status; 2) Supreme Court residency.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Sandra Langley extended her thanks to Pat Patterson and Debra Hoffman for their years of service on the Board of Education.

6/96/32 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Engagement

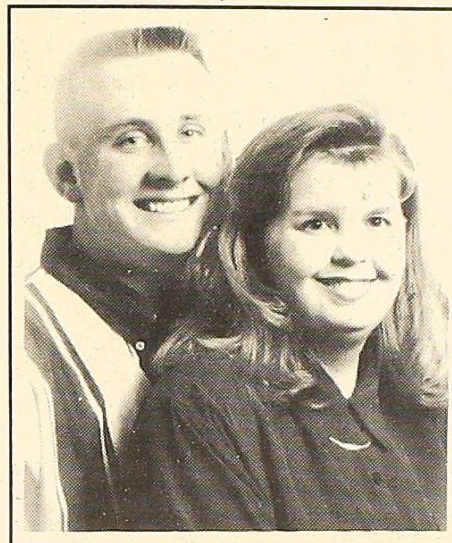
Henry David Terry Jr. and Angela Kay Salmons

Lloyd and Dollie Salmons are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Kay Salmons, to Henry David Terry Jr., the son of Henry David and Diane Terry.

Angela, a 1990 graduate of Romulus High School, is currently employed as an outpatient clerk in the neurosurgery department at University of Michigan Hospital.

David, a 1991 graduate of Romulus High School, is currently employed as an operating engineer at Best Asphalt in Romulus, and is also a member of Operator/Engineer Local 324.

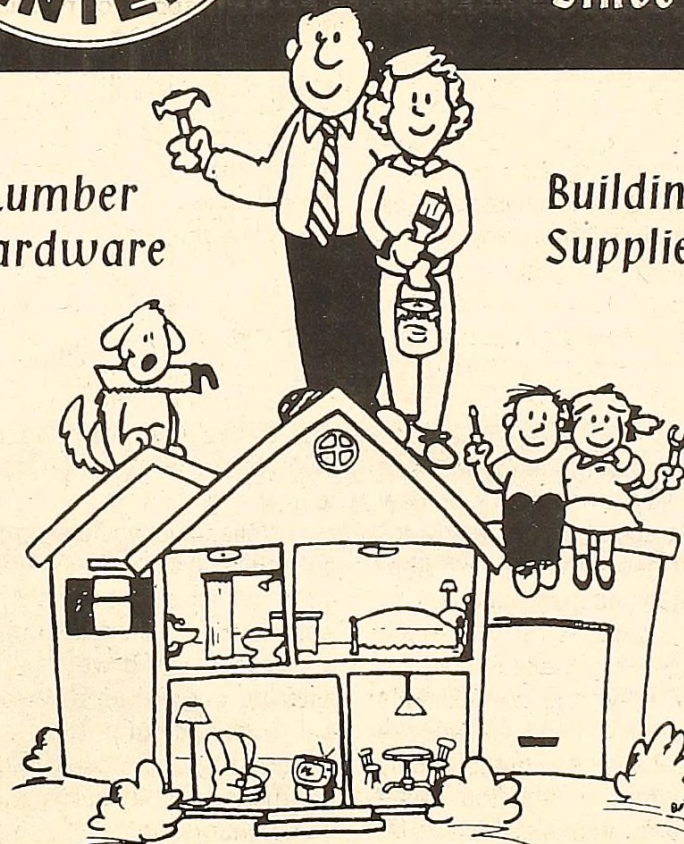
The couple plan to wed on February 14, 1997, in Las Vegas, Nevada.



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David Harris Druyor

Announcing the birth of their new son, David Harris Druyor, are Dave and Merrie Druyor of Romulus, Michigan.

David was born in Wyandotte Hospital and Medical Center at 6:02 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 1996, weighing in at eight pounds, four ounces, and measuring 20½ inches in length.

Especially excited about the arrival of a new little brother was David's half-sister, Brittany Nicole Druyor.

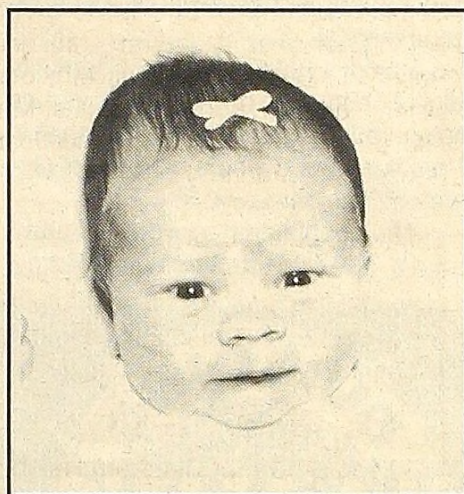
David's paternal grandparents are Betty Druyor (Romulus, MI) and the late Robert Druyor; maternal grandparents are Fred and Roberta Engel (West Branch, MI).

Dina Nichole Raley

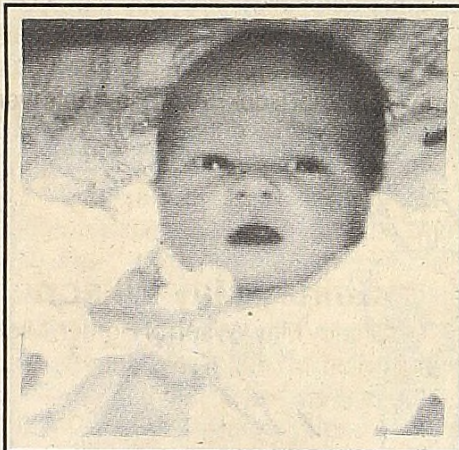
Dean and Lisa Raley of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Dina Nichole Raley.

Born at Oakwood Hospital at 10:34 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 1996, Dina weighed in at seven pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 19½ inches in length.

Other family members welcoming the new arrival are sister Megan, grandmother Nancy Raley (Romulus, MI), and grandmother Sue Reed (Dearborn Heights, MI).



Rachel Ann Walters



Announcing the birth of their new daughter, Rachel Ann Walters, are Ronald and Pamela Walters of Romulus, Michigan.

Rachel was born in Garden City Hospital at 3:43 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 1996, weighing in at six pounds, 15 ounces, and measuring 20½ inches in length.

Other proud family members are big brother Dustin Walters, paternal grandparents Dave and Kay Bedard (Ypsilanti, MI), and maternal grandmother Betty Diepenhorst. □

Congratulations

Mariah Elizabeth Lazenby

Congratulations to three-year-old Mariah Elizabeth Lazenby of Romulus, Michigan, who was a State Finalist in the Miss Michigan American Princess Pageant, held June 29-30, 1996, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy, Michigan.

The pageant – open to girls ages three to seven – stresses the participants' "inner beauty." Girls are judged on characteristics such as poise, appearance, scholastic achievement (if applicable), and spirit.

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STATUTORY MEETING, JULY 8, 1996

The Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 8, 1996 was called to order by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, at 7:15 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. William M. Bedell.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, asked for nominations.

Nominations Opened for the Office of President

Moved by Langley supported by Gondek to nominate Member Berlinn. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of President was closed. Member Berlinn elected President unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Vice President

Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to nominate Member Gondek. (Declined.) Moved by Langley supported by Kesner to nominate Member Oleszkowicz. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Vice President was closed. Member Oleszkowicz elected Vice President unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Secretary

Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to nominate Member Kesner. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Secretary was closed. Member Kesner elected Secretary unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Treasurer

Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to nominate Member Langley. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Treasurer was closed. Member Langley elected Treasurer unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES:

7/96/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board of Education name Comerica and First of America to continue as depositories and that the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools continue to have the authority to sign authorizing documents requiring two of the five actual signatures or facsimile signatures. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

7/96/2 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley that the Board of Education of the Romulus Community School District schedule their meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month for the 1996-97 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF AUDITOR:

7/96/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education employ the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz, and Ziel to act as auditors for the Board of Education for the 1996-97 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF ATTORNEYS:

7/96/4 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board of Education employ the firm of Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay & Katz and Thrun, Maatch, and Nordberg, P.C., to act as attorneys for the Board of Education for the 1996-97 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS POLICIES:

7/96/5 Moved by Langley supported by Kesner that the Board of Education adopt the existing policies of the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER:

7/96/6 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the Adoption of Rules of Order be tabled. Ayes: 6. Abstain: 1 (Woods). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/96/7 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 8, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 8, 1996 was called to order by President Kenneth E. Berlinn at 7:31 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. Mr. Thomas Dolan absent (excused). Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that Item V. D. "Surplus Equipment" be deleted from the agenda.

7/96/8 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

7/96/9 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley to approve the Minutes of June 24, 1996, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

President Berlinn welcomed Mrs. Lenossi and Mr. Woods to the Board of Education.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**Personnel Actions**

There were none.

Bills for Payment

7/96/10 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board approve the bills for payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Summer Computer Classes

The Board of Education was given a schedule of the computer classes being conducted this summer. Mrs. Carole Bales commented on the excellence of the classes for employees.

Asphalt Paving

7/96/11 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education continue our contract with Cadillac Asphalt to finish drainage and paving projects. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Change in Health Center Consent Form

7/96/12 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and modify language in the Teen Health Center procedures to permit the medical staff to provide birth control counseling and referrals to patients who request it. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Memberships - 1996-97 School Year

7/96/13 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the following: Garden City Alternative Program for Pregnant Girls; Michigan High School Athletic Association; and the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 1996-97 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Several members of the audience voiced their concerns relative to the number of split classes at Barth Elementary School and the ability of the teachers to effectively teach. Mrs. Carole Bales was present and requested that her letter on the termination of Local 64 Contract be read into the record. Ms. Sharlene Myers-Krupnak, Staff Representative, Michigan AFSCME, Council 25, also requested that her letter be included in the records. Several members of Local 64 expressed their anxieties related to the termination of the contract.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association "Thanks"; 2) Congratulations - Don Foley, "Coach of the Year"; and 3) Schwarze Opinion - "Schools of Choice".

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Michael Woods expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Education and welcomed the challenge.

Mrs. Judi Gondek complimented Halecreek on their year-end report.

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley requested an Executive Session.

7/96/14 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the Board convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. for the purpose of discussing negotiations and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:14 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/96/15 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Obituaries

Paul S. Bodis

Paul Bodis of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, July 2, 1996, at the age of 13.

Born June 17, 1983, the Romulus Middle School student was also a member of Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI).

Paul is survived by his parents, Robert and Karleen Bodis; two brothers, Christopher (Dearborn, MI) and Robert C. Bodis (Romulus, MI); one sister, Karley A. Bodis (Romulus, MI); and grandparents Charles and Joan Bousquet (Garden City, MI).

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 11, at Calvary Baptist Church, with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Lynn C. Brower

Lynn Brower of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, died on Sunday, July 14, 1996. She was 52 years old.

The Ford Motor Company employee was born in Wayne, Michigan, on March 27, 1944.

Surviving Lynn are her mother, Mrs. Myra Brower; one brother, James Brower (Sault Ste. Marie, MI); one sister, Nancy Dudek (St. Louis, MO); one nephew, Aaron; and one niece, Wendy. Her father, Burl J. Brower, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Bradford Lewis (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to Community United Methodist Church.

Arthur H. Fischer

Arthur H. Fischer of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, July 29, 1996. He was 71 years old.

Arthur was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 29, 1925. The former retail manager/buyer was employed by Montgomer Ward for 40 years before his retirement, and was active in both the Detroit post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Romulus Senior Citizens group.

Surviving Arthur are five sons, Arthur H. Jr., Eric D., Larry R., Joseph T., and Darrell F. Fischer; one daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Susan) Cauvin; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Veronica T. Fischer, on June 1, 1992.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 1, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Burial

was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens (Livonia, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Barbara Ann Moore

Barbara Ann Moore of Carleton, Michigan, died Friday, July 12, 1996, at the age of 46.

The daughter of Harvey and Eleanor (Stryker) Moore was born in Muncy, Pennsylvania, on May 25, 1950. Before her retirement in 1995, she had been employed by General Motors, where she worked as a line assembler for 23 years.

Barbara is survived by her father, Harvey Moore (Ramey, PA); her mother, Eleanor Moore (Romulus, MI); one brother, Ralph Castleman (Howard, PA); two sisters, Darlene Moore (Rockwood, MI) and Mrs. George (Marlene) Fox (Willis, MI); nephew David Kalasz and family (Taylor, MI); and beloved friend Mary Miller (Carleton, MI).

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints (Monroe, MI), with Bishop Steven Schwartz officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Allure Funeral Home (Monroe, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Shirley May Wilson

Shirley May Wilson of Homer, Michigan, died on Saturday, July 6, 1996. She was 61 years old.

Born to Wilford and Florence (McDonald) Wilson on November 6, 1934, the native and long-time resident of Romulus, Michigan, had been an active member of her church, senior-citizen groups in Homer and Romulus, and the Romulus CB club, where her handle was "Morning Star." Among her hobbies were caning chairs and playing the dulcimer and harmonica.

Survivors include her mother, Adelia Wilson (Sebring, FL); two brothers, Bill (and wife Mary Lou) Wilson (Wayne, MI) and Ferdy (and wife Beverly) Stagg (Sebring, FL); and three sisters, Barbara (and husband Russell) McMichael (Jackson, MI), Sue (and husband Rich) Miller (Littleton, CO), and Evelyn (and husband Walter) Pankow (Ludington, MI). She was predeceased by her parents and one brother, Melvyn Stagg.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 8, at Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapel (Homer, MI), with the Reverend Maurice G. Shackell officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to St. Jude's Hospital, located in Memphis, Tennessee. □

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